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To Whom It May Concern:

Love.

A glance at the address above and you know of course, immediately, why I am writing. I ask your attention for the few minutes it may take you to read this, so that I may offer to you my thoughts and feelings concerning Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, his impact on my life, and my reasons for asking you to affirm his visa application as a person of exceptional ability in arts and science.

Before I moved to Rajneeshpuram I was a family therapist, treating individuals, couples, and families in Claremont, California, leading groups, and training interns in the field of family therapy in the Los Angeles area. I was doing this for about six years before I became a sanyasin (disciple) of Bhagwan's, and for a year and a half afterwards. The impact on both my clients

and my students was immeasurably greater after Bhawan entered my life.

His teachings, which I listened to in person, on video and audio tapes, and which I hungrily drank in through his books, affirmed the best in Humanistic psychology, and lifted the insights of psychology, therapy, and spiritual teachings to heights never encountered in the textbooks. He was beyond therapy, and when I allowed what he represents and teaches to guide and inspire me, the benefits to others was amazing. They made strides in an hour or two or three, that would have taken months, maybe years, before.

In the lives of those he touches, and I am one of them, he is the most powerful therapist, facilitating the growth of love and freedom in so swift a way as to leave one breathless. It is as if one has entered a spaceship and gone through a time-warp! In this way - and I have hardly touched the reality

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of him with my words - he is a man of
the most exceptional ability in the science
of psychology.

As well as this, he is a poet of great
stature, a mystic whose words emit the
beauty of which he speaks. His words -
and now, especially, his silence - are loving
metaphors for the truth he is revealing to us.

My own background, to back up a
bit, includes a B.A. from Mt. Holyoke College,
with a major in English Literature, an an
M.A. in Family Therapy for California Institute
for Family Therapy, Los Angeles, California.
I am a licensed Family Therapist, and
credentialed college instructor in Psychology.
I have mothered two sons; one is now a
college student, the other in high school.

For the United States to be the home
of such a man as Bhagwan is an undreamed
of blessing! Were we to turn him away,
and deny him the visa he needs to remain
here, we would be hopeless victims of our

own ignorance and bigotry, born out of
fear. There is no need to have fear,
for nothing but good can come to us
from a Being of such love, such
infinite energy, such compassion.

His Blessings,
Ms Veet Gyan
(Rosalind M. Pendleton)